

Become a Volunteer! Lend Your Support!

Thanks to our Partners in Caring...

Over 2,000 volunteers partner with Social Services to help improve the quality of life in Catawba County. Volunteers—men, women and children just like YOU—are the links connecting people, organizations and resources to build a world where all people can live free and dignified lives. It wouldn't—and couldn't—be done without you, our "Partners in Caring."

Volunteering is an American tradition that over the years has made an immeasurable contribution to communities, organizations and individuals locally and across the country. In fact, over one-third of the American public has been or is now a volunteer. Over half of those presently involved in volunteer work are also employed in full or part-time jobs.

Today's volunteers are active, dynamic, creative individuals of all ages who possess the skills, desire, patience and time to accomplish a wide variety of tasks.

Volunteers share conversation and a chuckle with the isolated and homebound and help those who really do need assistance. Oftentimes, our volunteers are the only people some homebound elderly and disabled see each day.

We're blessed with many volunteers... each with a heart of gold and a warm story to tell, but never enough to reach all those in need in our community.

Every volunteer has a unique reason for wanting to volunteer... We often hear volunteers talking about how they came to Social Services to volunteer as a small way of repaying the staff for what they'd done for a parent or friend. Others come to Social Services because of a moving story they'd heard about a child or family. Whatever the reason for coming to

volunteer, our volunteers leave knowing that they have made a difference in someone's life.

It is said, "Every passing day is one that is gone forever. Make sure it is one in which you have done something for others, especially those who cannot do for themselves." Volunteers epitomize this admirable lifestyle.

Social Services shares a mission with its volunteers. Together we serve the public to improve social problems in a spirit of generosity and mutual respect.

We are honored to have you as a part of this organization. And Catawba County and her citizens are blessed to call you neighbors and friends. Volunteers are, without a doubt, Very Important People!

So, we thank you, our V.I.P.s... our "Partners in Caring."

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Volunteer for or support one of many opportunities provided by Social Services to serve our neighbors and be involved in our communities.

Adult Services Fund 828-695-5609
Helping senior citizens and the disabled in emergency situations.

Children's Advocacy Center 828-465-9296
Donations help support efforts to prevent and end child sexual abuse.

Earlene Sigmon Fund 828-465-9297
Taking donations for children in need. Coordinated by the Children's Protection Council.

Faith Community Task Force on Poverty 828-695-5636
Participate in finding solutions to local poverty issues.

Family and Children's Services 828-695-5636 or 4433
Internship opportunities for BSW and MSW students.

Family Builders of Catawba Valley 828-465-8901

Open your home and your heart to a child in need. Become a resource family and choose to foster, adopt, provide respite care or be a visiting resource for waiting children.

Foster Children's Expense Fund 828-695-4536
Donations help provide children in foster care with the extras that make life memorable, like school pictures, band instruments, piano lessons, field trips, ballet lessons, and Christmas gifts.

Gretchen Peed Foster Child Fund 828-695-4536
You can help a child in foster care attend college through this scholarship fund.

Home Delivered Meals 828-695-4435
HDM delivers nutritious meals to the homebound disabled and elderly.

Link and Learn and H.E.A.R.T. 828-695-4418
College students and adults of all ages can become mentors and friends to youth and adolescents.

Nurturing Programs 828-695-4431 or 4427
Opportunities to support parent education efforts through group facilitation, childcare assistance or product donations.

Seniors' Morning Out 828-695-5617
Help serve senior citizens during this program's activities, socials and nutritious meals.

TEEN Up and Upward Connection 828-695-4418

Parent volunteers and other adults help teenagers cope with the challenges of adolescence through fun and service-oriented activities.

The opportunity of a lifetime...